

United States national security requests for user information

In this US national security requests report, we separately report requests from US authorities using national security laws because these laws restrict how much information companies like us are allowed to share, and when we are allowed to share it. In cases of national security, the US government can use the **Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)** to request non-content and content information, and use **National Security Letters (NSLs)** to request limited information about a user's identity.

Non-content requests under FISA

A FISA request can include non-content metadata—for example, the "from" and "to" fields in an email header and the IP addresses associated with a particular account.

Reporting period	Number of requests	Number of accounts
Jul 2023 – Dec 2023	0 – 499	31500 – 31999
Jan 2023 – Jun 2023	0 – 499	33000 – 33499
Jul 2022 – Dec 2022	0 – 499	27500 – 27999
Jan 2022 – Jun 2022	0 – 499	35500 – 35999
Jul 2021 – Dec 2021	0 – 499	28500 – 28999
Jan 2021 – Jun 2021	0 – 499	27500 – 27999
Jul 2020 – Dec 2020	0 – 499	22500 – 22999
Jan 2020 – Jun 2020	0 – 499	22000 – 22499
Jul 2019 – Dec 2019	0 – 499	30000 – 30499
Jan 2019 – Jun 2019	0 – 499	28500 – 28999
Jul 2018 – Dec 2018	0 – 499	23000 – 23499
Jan 2018 – Jun 2018	0 – 499	22000 – 22499
Jul 2017 – Dec 2017	0 – 499	16000 – 16499
Jan 2017 – Jun 2017	0 – 499	12000 – 12499
Jul 2016 – Dec 2016	0 – 499	7000 – 7499
Jan 2016 – Jun 2016	0 – 499	2000 – 2499
Jul 2015 – Dec 2015	0 – 499	500 – 999
Jan 2015 – Jun 2015	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jul 2014 – Dec 2014	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jan 2014 – Jun 2014	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jul 2013 – Dec 2013	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jan 2013 – Jun 2013	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jul 2012 – Dec 2012	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jan 2012 – Jun 2012	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jul 2011 – Dec 2011	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jan 2011 – Jun 2011	0 – 499	500 – 999
Jul 2010 – Dec 2010	0 – 499	500 – 999
Jan 2010 – Jun 2010	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jul 2009 – Dec 2009	0 – 499	0 – 499
Jan 2009 – Jun 2009	0 – 499	0 – 499

Content requests under FISA

A FISA request can include a demand for a user's content, such as Gmail messages, documents, photos, and videos.

Reporting period	Number of requests	Number of accounts
Jul 2023 – Dec 2023	0 – 499	118000 – 118499
Jan 2023 – Jun 2023	0 – 499	115000 – 115499
Jul 2022 – Dec 2022	0 – 499	106000 – 106499
Jan 2022 – Jun 2022	0 – 499	103000 – 103499
Jul 2021 – Dec 2021	0 – 499	95500 – 95999
Jan 2021 – Jun 2021	0 – 499	89000 – 89499
Jul 2020 – Dec 2020	0 – 499	80000 – 80499
Jan 2020 – Jun 2020	0 – 499	73500 – 73999
Jul 2019 – Dec 2019	0 – 499	74500 – 74999
Jan 2019 – Jun 2019	0 – 499	69500 – 69999
Jul 2018 – Dec 2018	500 – 999	63000 – 63499
Jan 2018 – Jun 2018	500 – 999	54500 – 54999
Jul 2017 – Dec 2017	500 – 999	44000 – 44499
Jan 2017 – Jun 2017	500 – 999	35000 – 35499
Jul 2016 – Dec 2016	500 – 999	27500 – 27999
Jan 2016 – Jun 2016	500 – 999	22500 – 22999
Jul 2015 – Dec 2015	500 – 999	22500 – 22999
Jan 2015 – Jun 2015	500 – 999	19000 – 19499
Jul 2014 – Dec 2014	500 – 999	18500 – 18999
Jan 2014 – Jun 2014	500 – 999	17000 – 17499
Jul 2013 – Dec 2013	500 – 999	15500 – 15999
Jan 2013 – Jun 2013	500 – 999	14000 – 14499
Jul 2012 – Dec 2012	500 – 999	12500 – 12999
Jan 2012 – Jun 2012	500 – 999	10500 – 10999
Jul 2011 – Dec 2011	500 – 999	10000 – 10499
Jan 2011 – Jun 2011	500 – 999	7000 – 7499
Jul 2010 – Dec 2010	0 – 499	4000 – 4499
Jan 2010 – Jun 2010	0 – 499	3500 – 3999
Jul 2009 – Dec 2009	0 – 499	3500 – 3999
Jan 2009 – Jun 2009	0 – 499	2000 – 2499

Requests made via National Security Letters (NSL)

Requests by reporting period

Using a NSL, the FBI can seek "the name, address, length of service, and local and long distance toll billing records" of a subscriber to a wire or electronic communications service. The FBI can't use NSLs to obtain anything else from Google, such as Gmail content, search queries, YouTube videos or user IP addresses.

Reporting period	Number of requests	Number of accounts
Jul 2023 – Dec 2023	500 – 999	2000 – 2499
Jan 2023 – Jun 2023	500 – 999	2000 – 2499
Jul 2022 – Dec 2022	500 – 999	1500 – 1999
Jan 2022 – Jun 2022	500 – 999	1500 – 1999
Jul 2021 – Dec 2021	9 – 499	1500 – 1999
Jan 2021 – Jun 2021	500 – 999	2500 – 2999
Jul 2020 – Dec 2020	15 – 499	1500 – 1999
Jan 2020 – Jun 2020	15 – 499	1000 – 1499
Jul 2019 – Dec 2019	500 – 999	1500 – 1999
Jan 2019 – Jun 2019	500 – 999	1000 – 1499
Jul 2018 – Dec 2018	23 – 499	1000 – 1499
Jan 2018 – Jun 2018	11 – 499	1000 – 1499
Jul 2017 – Dec 2017	18 – 499	1500 – 1999
Jan 2017 – Jun 2017	17 – 499	1000 – 1499
Jul 2016 – Dec 2016	11 – 499	1000 – 1499
Jan 2016 – Jun 2016	17 – 499	500 – 999
Jul 2015 – Dec 2015	12 – 499	500 – 999
Jan 2015 – Jun 2015	10 – 499	500 – 999
Jul 2014 – Dec 2014	15 – 499	500 – 999
Jan 2014 – Jun 2014	500 – 999	500 – 999
Jul 2013 – Dec 2013	500 – 999	1000 – 1499
Jan 2013 – Jun 2013	7 – 499	500 – 999
Jul 2012 – Dec 2012	9 – 499	500 – 999
Jan 2012 – Jun 2012	500 – 999	1000 – 1499
Jul 2011 – Dec 2011	4 – 499	500 – 999
Jan 2011 – Jun 2011	3 – 499	500 – 999
Jul 2010 – Dec 2010	1 – 499	1000 – 1499
Jan 2010 – Jun 2010	500 – 999	1500 – 1999
Jul 2009 – Dec 2009	1 – 499	500 – 999
Jan 2009 – Jun 2009	0 – 499	500 – 999

A list of National Security Letters issued to Google

We publish each NSL after we're free of any nondisclosure obligations imposed by litigation or legislation. We share as much of each letter as possible taking into account the privacy interests of affected users. We also publish the letters that reflect the lifting of any nondisclosure restrictions.

All release years ▾

National Security Letter (NSL)	NSL issue date	FBI release letter
NSL-22-547118	Jun 21, 2022	Sep 18, 2024
NSL-11-331678	Apr 20, 2011	Aug 13, 2024
NSL-23-555858	Jan 9, 2024	Aug 13, 2024
NSL-22-548711	Oct 18, 2022	Aug 4, 2024
NSL-21-541228	Sep 7, 2021	Jul 16, 2024
NSL-20-524073	Nov 20, 2020	Jul 1, 2024
NSL-22-546557	Jul 5, 2022	Jun 21, 2024
NSL-23-551216	Apr 7, 2023	Jun 12, 2024
NSL-23-554622	Oct 11, 2023	May 30, 2024
NSL-18-437342	Jan 23, 2018	May 8, 2024
NSL-18-440649	Mar 6, 2018	May 8, 2024
NSL-19-479949	Apr 18, 2019	May 8, 2024
NSL-12-357971(a)	Nov 23, 2012	May 7, 2024
NSL-12-357971(b)	Nov 23, 2012	May 7, 2024
NSL-12-358095(a)	Nov 29, 2012	May 7, 2024
NSL-12-358095(b)	Nov 29, 2012	May 7, 2024
NSL-12-359796	Dec 26, 2012	May 7, 2024
NSL-21-538603	May 26, 2021	Apr 30, 2024
NSL-18-460107	Oct 30, 2018	Apr 26, 2024
NSL-21-538312	Apr 5, 2021	Apr 22, 2024

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How Google handles US national security requests for user information

We apply a consistent policy towards requests for user information regardless of the type of the request. In other words, requests reported in the [Global report](#) and here undergo the same scrutiny. We carefully review each request to make sure it satisfies applicable laws. If a request asks for too much information, we try to narrow it, and in some cases we object to producing any information at all. You can see the full policy at [policies.google.com/terms/information-requests](#)

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